



# College Avenue Bridge Project

## *"Bridging Our Community"*

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#### Mission statement:

*To provide leadership in the development and operation of a safe and efficient transportation system.*

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## Bridge and roadway design work underway

After initial discussion of the need to replace the College Avenue Bridge in Appleton, and the spirited community debate over whether the new bridge should be two lanes or four, the process of designing the new bridge and its approaches has begun.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) began planning for the replacement of the College Avenue Bridge after inspections revealed the need to replace the bridge.

A series of community meetings were held from 2002 through 2004 to discuss the project and gather input from residents. Following an April 2004 referendum, the Appleton Common Council indicated its preference for a four-lane bridge. The city and WisDOT then reached agreements on future ownership of the bridge and a cost-

sharing formula for the project. As a result, WisDOT and the city are working cooperatively on the bridge plan, with the city planning the roadway approaches. The combined project covers an area from Drew Street to Matthias Street.

Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna has also appointed an ad-hoc committee (see page 3) to review design issues and provide input to the Common Council, WisDOT and the bridge design consultants.

As part of the design process, several Public Information Meetings (PIMs) will be held to keep area residents informed about the project and to get input on the bridge design. The first PIM is Thursday, May 5, 2005, beginning at 5:30 p.m. (with a presentation at 6 p.m.) at Edison Elementary School, 412 North Meade Street, Appleton.

## Bridge and roadway timelines

Construction of the new College Avenue Bridge is scheduled to begin in July 2008 with construction of the roadway approaches tentatively set to begin in May 2009. To meet those target dates, the following dates have been set for key design aspects.

### Bridge timeline

- **May 5, 2005**—First Public Information Meeting
- **June 2005**—Final selection of bridge section, including vehicle and bike lanes, sidewalks, etc.
- **September 2005**—Final selection of bridge location
- **October 2005**—Second Public Information Meeting on bridge to discuss aesthetic features

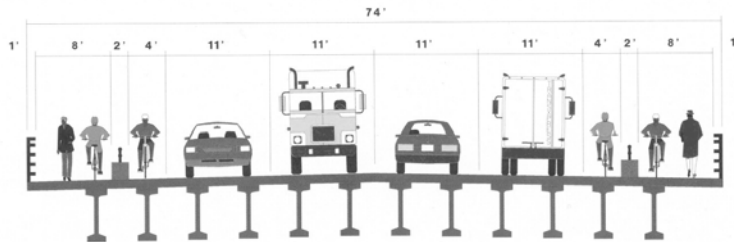
- **January 2006**—Final selection of bridge aesthetics
- **July 2008-November 2009**—Bridge construction.

### Roadway timeline

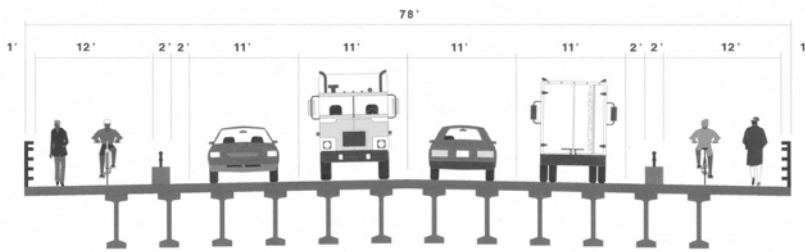
- **February 2006**—First roadway Public Information Meeting
- **Spring 2006**—Neighborhood meetings to discuss roadway design options
- **June 2006**—Second roadway Public Information Meeting
- **July 2008-October 2008**—Construction of new sewer and water utilities
- **May 2009-November 2009**—Construction of new roadway, Drew Street-Matthias Street.

## College Avenue Bridge Project-bridge options

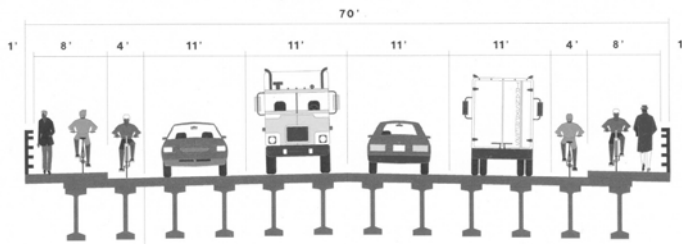
Shown below are four bridge options that will be discussed at the Public Information Meeting on May 5, 2005. These options were developed by the Bridge Design Committee to gather public input on design elements with recommendations to be made to the Appleton Common Council's Municipal Services Committee. The final selected bridge section will be based on public comment and may be a combination of features detailed in the options below.



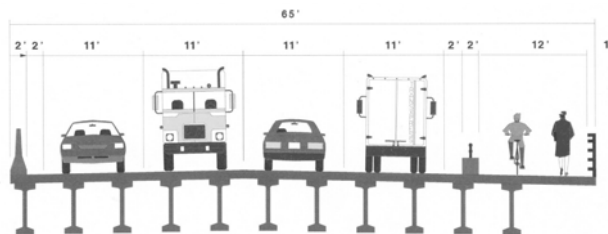
*Bridge Option #1—74 feet wide with sidewalks separated by barrier; bike accommodation in roadway.*



*Bridge Option #2—78 feet wide with dual-use sidewalks / bike lane separated by barrier.*



*Bridge Option #3—70 feet wide with sidewalks, bike accommodation and no barrier.*



*Bridge Option #4—65 feet wide with dual-use sidewalk / bike lane separated by barrier—one side only.*



*Existing Bridge—42 feet wide with two traffic lanes and sidewalks on both sides.*

## Citizens panel tackles bridge design issues

The College Avenue Bridge Design Committee is a citizens panel appointed by Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna. The panel includes two Appleton City Council members, an Outagamie County Supervisor, representatives of Lawrence University and the business community, plus citizens from areas affected by the bridge project and roadways.

The role of the committee is to work with Appleton city staff, Wisconsin Department of Transportation staff and other design professionals to make recommendations to the Appleton Common Council regarding the design of the new College Avenue

Bridge and roadways. In making recommendations, the committee is to take into consideration the impacts the design will have on:

- The neighborhoods adjacent to the bridge and the associated projects
- The Lawrence University campus community
- The business community downtown and the area near the WIS 441 corridor
- The community as a whole.

The committee is chaired by Appleton Alderperson Curt Konetzke and began meeting in November 2004.



The College Avenue Bridge, just to the east of downtown Appleton, provides an important connection over the Fox River linking WIS 441 to US 41 and the Outagamie County airport.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has scheduled the bridge for replacement in 2008 and 2009.

## College Avenue Bridge Design Committee

(These community members have been enlisted by the city of Appleton to provide input and feedback on design elements of the College Avenue Bridge and roadways.)

Ald. Curt Konetzke, Comm. Chair  
Appleton City Council

Kevin Kaufman  
Eastside resident

Mark Thompson  
Westside resident

Ald. Amy Jozwiak  
Appleton City Council

Ruth Lanouette  
Lawrence University

Ruby Wells  
Gabriel Furniture

Margaret Carroll  
Lawrence University

Supr. James Mahan  
Outagamie County Board

Tom Williams  
Memorial Presbyterian Church

Pat Schinabeck  
Appleton resident

**For information on the College Avenue Bridge Design Committee's upcoming meetings, agendas and minutes, go to [www.appleton.org](http://www.appleton.org)**



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## Public information meeting scheduled

### You're invited to attend...

...a public information meeting regarding the College Avenue Bridge and roadway project and the initial design elements being discussed.

The meeting will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Edison Elementary School (412 N. Meade St., enter from Eldorado St.) with exhibits and displays on the bridge options now being discussed. **A presentation about the project will begin at 6 p.m.**

During the meeting, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions and provide input to WisDOT, city of Appleton officials and design consultants.

### **Public information meeting:**

**Thursday, May 5, 2005**

**5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
(with a presentation at 6 p.m.)**

**Edison Elementary School  
(Multi-purpose room)  
412 North Meade Street  
Appleton**